

**MEETING OF THE FORT LAUDERDALE
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
CITY HALL**

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2005 – 5:30 P.M.

Chairman Naugle called the meeting to order at approximately 5:28 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Present: Chairman Jim Naugle
Vice Chair Christine Teel
Commissioner Dean J. Trantalis
Commissioner Carlton B. Moore
Commissioner Cindi Hutchinson

Absent: None

Also Present: George Gretsas, City Manager
Harry A. Stewart, City Attorney
Jonda K. Joseph, City Clerk
Alfred Battle, Director, Community Redevelopment Agency

Approval of Minutes of the April 14, 2005 Regular CRA Board Meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson to approve the minutes of the CRA Board Meeting of April 14, 2005.

Roll call showed: YEAS: Commissioners Moore, Hutchinson, and Trantalis, Vice Chair Teel, and Chairman Naugle. NAYS: None.

Beach CRA Task Order Keith & Schnars – Beach CRA Streetscape Improvements Phase 1

Motion made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson to approve the use of CRA funds for payment of a task order with Keith and Schnars, P.A. for survey and design services for Phase 1 of the Beach Streetscape Improvements in the amount of \$521,305.50.

Commissioner Moore asked if this is the \$15 Million that had not yet been spent.

Al Battle, Director CRA, said this is not in regard to the \$15 Million. Commissioner Moore asked where is the \$15 Million.

Paul Costanzo, Beach CRA, said the \$15 Million is a different project, which includes the widening of Sea Breeze. He said this task order is in regard to the Streetscape Improvement project. He said further that the \$15 Million is in FDOT's account. Commissioner Moore asked if there is a time line on the \$15 Million. Paul Costanzo said that in regard to the \$15 Million, the contracts have been approved for the appraisals.

Once they are done, reports will be provided to the Board before offers are presented to the property owners.

The City Manager said that once the appraisals have been completed, they will then know if the \$15 Million is sufficient for the project.

Commissioner Moore asked what amount of time is left to spend the \$15 Million.

Earl Prizlee, Project Engineer, said the current lap agreement has been cancelled, and monies are in the budget for appraisals, and two new agreements will be created over the next two fiscal years for the project.

Chairman Naugle asked if special counsel had been hired to assist with the condemnation. Paul Costanzo said that Sam Goren had been hired in that capacity.

Commissioner Trantalis said since the \$15 Million is to implement the Seabreeze Boulevard 3+2 project, he asked if this matter is connected with that project. Paul Costanzo said it is not, and said when the initial contract was brought to the Commission the backup provided the entire history of the program. He said further that the Streetscape Master Plan and the 3+2 project emanated from the same "mother document" and are linked in the initial history, but the funding is different.

Commissioner Moore said that eventually they would come to that "fork in the road." He said it would either be more than \$15 Million or less, and said they would have to see what could be done to divert the money if it could not be used due to an overrun in the cost.

Roll call showed: YEAS: Commissioners Moore, Trantalis, and Hutchinson, Vice Chair Teel, and Chairman Naugle. NAYS: None.

Sistrunk Boulevard Façade Demonstration Program – BAC Funding Corporation Update and Presentation

Motion made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson to approve continual funding for the Sistrunk Boulevard Façade Demonstration program as appropriated under the agreement with BAC Funding Corporation, and to approve the Afro-centric design concept for the façade improvements.

Commissioner Moore said the permitting process needs to be expedited, The City Manager said that everything reasonably possible will be done to assist in the process. Commissioner Moore said he wants to amend the motion to include the permitting process is to be expedited. Commissioner Hutchinson said it is going to be up to the City Manager to assist with the process.

Ron Frazier, Chair of BAC Funding Corporation, said there is \$150,000 available for this project. \$120,000 is for construction, and \$30,000 is the owner's part. He said funds are in place and the plans will be submitted next week. Commissioner Moore said they want to have the project done by Christmas.

Chairman Naugle said that two processes are involved. One is the legal review and the other is the permitting process. He said if both approvals could take place at the same time, then things could be on the same track.

The City Attorney said that sometimes their department is abused. He said when complete information is not submitted, then the legal review takes longer.

Chairman Naugle asked if there is a problem with the Legal Department in reviewing all the necessary information regarding this project. The City Attorney said there is no problem and if all information is submitted, the review could be done within five days. He further said that permits also require drawings, and if all information is in place, then the permits could be expedited. The City Manager said everything would be done as quickly as possible.

Roll call showed: YEAS: Commissioners Moore, Hutchinson and Trantalis, Vice Chair Teel and Chairman Naugle. NAYS: None.

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Jim Naugle
Chairman

ATTEST:

Jonda K. Joseph
City Clerk